

Mrs. Mary E. Downing.

Mary E. Downing, nee Smith, was born in Brookport, N. Y., July 20th, 1830, died Sept. 9th, 1884. Her parents removed to Michigan in 1838, and to Van Buren county in 1840, settling near Almena.

Thus in early life she shared the privations of our early pioneers, yet she was ever dutiful and pleasant, the delight of her young companions, adding to their joys and sharing their sorrows. Among her early associates she found the perfect complement of her own happy nature, and was married to Deceatur Downing May 25th, 1852. She was indeed the true helpmeet of her husband, cheerfully contributing her part in the building up of her beautiful home. At that early date Nature was "in her wildest grandeur dressed," the forest untouched by axe and the soil waiting to be "stirred by the hoe to laugh a harvest." Society was to be formed, schools encouraged, and everything to be endured. But her hand was the hand of the diligent one, and her spirit was hopeful and cheerful in sunshine and storm alike. Always she had a smile to cheer and a word to strengthen toiling hands.

Thirty-two years of wedded life brightened the golden bond that bound their lives together and smoothed the path of life to their weary feet. She was the mother of 9 children, two of whom, the first born son and second born daughter died in early childhood and can now welcome her to her heavenly home.

Of the seven living children five are married, and all, with four grandchildren are here present, mourning the loss of one so dear to their hearts.

But last July these all met at their parents' home to surprise them, and to celebrate their birthday, occurring upon the same month and day of the month, and meet here now, sad and silent, and feel the greater surprise she has given to all.

About eight years ago, under the preaching of Elder Linderman, she professed her faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, was immersed by Elder Darling, and honored her profession by her christian life.

Mrs. Downing possessed a singularly cheerful spirit. She was sunshine in her family, a delight in the social circle, and a joy to all that came within the sphere of her influence. Home had a sacred shrine, and to her husband and children, ever returned with assurance of welcome and pledges of love. Her ear was always open to the cry of the poor, and none ever went hungry from her door. Continually busy was her hands, scattering seeds of kindness upon every heart, and "none knew her but to love—none spoke of her but to praise." Live well, die well, for to the pure and good ever comes the crown and the song. These are the eternal statutes of God, irrevocable by the power of man. Much of good goes on at the death of all true ones, but their influence remains as an incense in the hearts of many. Life's well rounded mission in her case teaches us.

"That we live for those who love us, For the heart is kind and true, For the heaven that shines above us and that waits our spirits too, For the cause that lacks assistance, For the wrong that needs resistance, For the great hope in the distance and the good that we can do."

A report is in circulation that Major Wm. O. Stevens, in his conduct of the auditor general's office at Lansing, wholly disregards the interests of soldiers, appointing civilians to clerkships in preference to soldiers. The Big Rapids Current shows the futility of this charge by giving the following facts:

"Being in Lansing recently, we took occasion to investigate the matter and found the following to be the proportion of soldiers and civilians employed in that office. The whole number employed in that office, including old and experienced clerks who were there when Gen. Stevens took possession, is 65, of whom 31 are soldiers, or soldiers' widows or daughters, and 34 are civilians. Gen. Stevens has made eleven appointments since he took possession of his office, eight of whom were soldiers and three civilians. Six have resigned, two being soldiers and four civilians, and one has been discharged. Fifty-two of sixty-five are permanent clerks, half of whom are soldiers, or soldiers' widows or daughters and half civilians. Of the 13 temporary clerks, employed only during the busy season, six are soldiers and seven civilians. Soldiers certainly cannot complain at the hands of our soldier auditor general, and the grand army boys cannot complain at his fidelity to the principles of their order, of which he is an honored member. In giving soldiers' widows and orphan daughters employment in the state department over which he has control,"—Lansing Republican.

In cases of rheumatism or neuralgia, a specific like Athlophoros has very often up-hill work to do. So many remedies have been tried in vain, that all faith in a cure has fled. But Athlophoros quickly re-establishes faith, and goes right on with its work. William S. Williams, Hartford, Conn., writes: "Had rheumatism for a month. The efforts of two good doctors were vain. Tried Athlophoros, with speedy relief. Feel well enough to say I am cured, and that the remedy is one I am not afraid to recommend."

Sunlight and Shadow.

A new edition of this popular work, by the talented author and platform orator, John B. Gough, published by Worthington & Co. of Hartford, Connecticut. Mr. G. A. Conklin of Waverly, is agent for the work and is engaged in canvassing the country. It is a work that should be in every library and family in the country. Especially should it be read by every young man. Examine it carefully when Mr. Conklin calls on you, and don't pass it contemptuously by. 36

Bucklin's Arnica Salve.

The best salve in the world for cuts, bruises, sores, ulcers, salt rheum, fever sores, tetter, chapped hands, chilblains, corns, and all skin eruptions, and positively cures piles, or no pay required. It is guaranteed to give perfect satisfaction, or money refunded. Price 25 cents per box. For sale by K. W. Noyes.

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